

I am responding to the challenge to the telephone privacy act: I PAY THE PHONE BILL. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DECIDE WHO I WANT TO TALK TO. If I have taken the time to add my name to the do not call list, then I think that makes it pretty clear. I am still getting calls from cruise line, non-profits, etc. I have charities that I regularly gave to until last year. The volume of calls I get has escalated sharply in the past 3 years. At the time I signed up for the do not call list, I was getting between 20-30 solicitations PER DAY. That has fallen off sharply now to about 5. Still too many, but at least when I or my family pick up the phone to make a call, there isn't already a solicitor calling in. I wish phone solicitations were COMPLETELY ILLEGAL. My phone is for my convenience, not theirs. All I can say to those with whom I will not be banking, and others that are waiting greedily to see what happens, "Don't call me, I'll call you if I want to talk to you."

PS to Old National:

I had set up an appointment to come in and talk with them about banking services. I cancelled that appointment. I won't do business with a company that doesn't respect my privacy.

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